

**Commissioners Meeting
May 20, 2014**

Present: David Gogel, Jim Seiler, Al Logsdon, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Jane Lynam

Absent: Chuck Painter

Meeting was called to order by the President David Gogel at 12:30 P.M.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the April 15th minutes and the May 7th minutes with the insertion of the word insurance on the second page where it says health meeting should read **health insurance meeting**. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch #2970 for \$24,000. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch # 2966 for \$22,749.32. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

DOT Physicals

Autumn Winkler explained that DOT physicals are not being ran through insurance by doctors anymore, so when one of our employees gets a DOT physical they have to pay up front. She has talked to SIHO and our plan does not currently address DOT physicals; we can do a plan amendment or put a line item in the budget to reimburse the employee after they have paid.

Logsdon made a motion to take the action to put that line item in the Highway Budget for 2015. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Winkler explained that for 2014 we still have some money in the Commissioners Insurance line item so we can take it from there after they turn in their receipts. Commissioners decided to proceed that way for the remainder of 2014.

Zumba Exercise Program

Winkler said an employee who was a Zumba instructor had approached her to see if it would be alright to have a class in the auditorium at no cost to the county for any county employees who were interested. . Logsdon said it was a great idea so go ahead with it.

Highway

Logsdon said we talked about a vehicle for the Assessor's Office to use at the last meeting, we discussed them using the truck that was used by the Engineer, since it is not currently being used. Logsdon made a motion to let the Assessor's Office personnel use the truck under the condition that they call the garage 2 days in advance and make sure that the truck was not scheduled for use that day. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Health Clinic

Logsdon explained that Spencer County, along with Perry County is considered medically underserved by the federal government. He had lunch with the Perry County Memorial Hospital CEO, Joe Stuber and he said he would help us however he could. There will be a meeting at the Perry County Hospital on May 29th at 1:30 for anyone who wanted to attend; he said he would attend as the representative for the Commissioners. Logsdon said that Stuber had asked if we would consider a mutual aid agreement for ambulance service like we previously had with them. He will talk to Jane Stout and see if we can get something worked out to everyone's agreement.

EMA-Mutual Aid Agreement

Attorney Jeff Lindsey said he had looked through the agreement and found no problems. Allen Perdue said we have always been good neighbors with Owensboro, and Daviess County; we have done a lot of work with both for years now. We do search and rescue, water rescue and most recently the air show. This is basically just a legal agreement in case something comes up. In the case of a major disaster the only way you would be reimbursed would be to have this agreement in place.

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Logsdon made a motion that Spencer County sign the interstate mutual aid and assistant agreement between our county and the county of Daviess County Kentucky and the city of Owensboro, Kentucky. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Tara Lloyd

Lloyd said she wanted the Commissioners to know that the application for the overpass and the letters of support had been submitted to INDOT. INDOT has received and accepted it and will contact Cindy Painter with an interview date. It would be to the counties advantage to have as many people as possible go to the interview to show support for the project.

Spencer County Hospice

Linda Sturgeon was present and explained that Hospice is a non-profit organization, they give service regardless of ability to pay. There are 10 other hospices who serve this area, but they are for-profit organizations so they do not have to take people who can't afford to pay.

Medication has gotten so expensive we can't keep up. We do fund raisers and accept donations to try to keep the organization afloat. We need a little help and are requesting a \$5,000 one time donation from you. If you decide to do that you can specify where you want the money to be used. Gogel said we can only agree with you asking the Council for the donation because they are the ones that control the money and would have to make the actual donation.

Logsdon made a motion to support the Hospice request asking the Council for a donation. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Lindsey said we finally have the AT&T agreement worked out and need to get it signed and returned to AT&T. After much discussion Seiler made a motion to approve the pricing schedule for services with AT&T. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey explained that he had not been able to contact Art Nordoff to ask his opinion of how the dispatch situation in Dubois County was working, but he did go through the statute and put together an ordinance based on the statute establishing a public safety communications district. This includes the unincorporated areas of the County, plus any municipality in the County in which the legislative body before July 1 of a year adopts an Ordinance to join the District; any township in the County may adopt a Resolution to authorize a township agency to be served by the District. Members of the Commission would be: one person appointed by the Commissioners, one person appointed by the County Council, one person appointed by the executive of each City in the District and the County Sheriff. The chief law enforcement officers and fire safety officers of each participating unit shall constitute a Technical Advisory Committee to advise the Board and Public Safety Communications Commission upon request. Lindsey explained that the Commissioners have home rule so they could set it up however they chose to do it, this was just strictly following the statute.

Logsdon said when we get to the meeting later today we need to listen to their concerns and let them look at the Ordinance and come back to us with questions and concerns. We need to take our time and make sure we don't overlook any major issues, we have to make sure whatever we do, it enhances communication across the county.

Lindsey said he would get in touch with Kent Irwin and discuss an e-cig policy that we could possibly incorporate into our personnel policy.

Sara Arnold-Reassessment Bid Award

Arnold said at the last meeting we opened bids for reassessment. I had two bids; Indiana Assessment Services at \$419,730 and Tyler Technologies at \$406,776. After reviewing both bids she recommended accepting the Tyler Technologies bid of \$406,776. Seiler made a motion to accept the Tyler Technology bid. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Engineers Truck

Logsdon explained to Arnold that they had decided that the Assessor's Office could use the truck that the County Engineer had used as long as they gave two days notice prior to needing it. Just get in contact with Kay or Cindy at the County Garage and make sure it is available, do not leave a voice message, be sure you talk to one of the ladies. If the truck is scheduled for use that day you won't be able to use it.

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Phil Brown

Gogel asked Brown if he would be the ADA Coordinator for Spencer County if they paid him for his work. After much discussion they asked Brown to come up with a proposal and let them know at the next meeting.

Old Business

A claim turned in for payment by Robinson Landscape was discussed. Logsdon made a motion to pay the claim for the spring clean up, first quarter bill, wait on any further work and have Mr. Robinson come to the next meeting and explain his rationale before we decide what further payments we make. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

New Business

Lindsey explained that Santa Claus Water has a project and they need to have a Common Construction age hearing and it is scheduled for July 3rd. We need to make an appointment of a tax payer or water customer of the Town of Santa Claus to that Board. We don't have to do it today, but at the next meeting we need to make an appointment for that.

Annual Operations Report

The Annual Operations Report for the County Garage needed to be signed by the Commissioners so it would be sent to the State. Logsdon made a motion to sign the report. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Grant Permission Request

Gay Ann Harney asked that the Commissioners sign a form for her to apply for a Hoosier History Grant to preserve the historical marriage records of Spencer County; she will use money from the Clerks Perpetuation fund for the grant match if she is awarded the grant. Logsdon made a motion to approve signing the form for Harney. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

CASA

Commissioners discussed the requirements for a CASA office located in the courthouse per the letter they received. Logsdon said he would let CASA know that the Commissioners were taking their request for office space under advisement and would let them know something at the next meeting.

Logsdon made a motion to recess and reconvene at 3:00 for the Dispatch meeting. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Dispatch Meeting

Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Jane Lynam, Stephanie Melton, Bob Duley, Dan Reinke, Murray Stout, Karen Sanders, Billy Sanders, Chandra Sanders, Kellie Reinke, Jim McDurmon, Marvin Heilman, Sheriff Kermit Lindsey, Kati Richard

President Gogel reconvened the meeting at 3:00.

Gogel explained that the Commissioners had received a letter from the Spencer County Fire Chiefs Association signed by all nine fire chiefs in the county asking the Commissioners to consider changing the way dispatch is managed in this county. We felt it would be a good to have everyone involved with dispatch on a daily basis together and listen to your thoughts, concerns and ideas, anything you think will help us make the proper decision in how to handle this situation.

Lindsey passed out copies of the Ordinance he had prepared, he explained that it was only a draft and followed the statute very carefully. It is just a document for you to read through and see what everyone thinks at this point.

Dan Reinke asked, in other counties that have changed, what are the downfalls in switching over if any. Gogel said good communication and teamwork is essential whichever way you go, there will always be issues to deal with whichever way we go. At the request of the fire chiefs we just want to see if there is a better way to manage dispatch.

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Logsdon said he had talked to Art Nordoff in Dubois County and asked how long Dispatch had been operating under the Commissioners Control; he explained that it had been operating that way for a long time, at times there have been conflicts between the Commissioners and Director, but that's management. What he did like about it was the fact that it didn't change every time the chief law enforcement officer was elected; they have had the same director for 20 years. In Harrison County they changed over to run the dispatch center more efficiently, that was the only two counties he had talked with.

Kellie Reinke asked if there would only be 4 members how would the EMA, etc have any input. Lindsey explained that the Technical Advisory Committee could meet and recommend any changes they saw fit that would be their input.

Bob Duley asked for clarification on #3 under #7 on the second page. Lindsey said it would require some legislative action by the cities and towns to participate in the District; would also require action by townships to participate. Under Home Rule the Commissioners could set it up however we see fit.

Bill Sanders asked how this came about and shouldn't the dispatch have someone speak for them on the board.

Logsdon said in the letter we received there is nothing critical of anyone person. They are only talking about how we could get better.

Kellie Reinke said her thoughts were to take baby steps start with a committee with a representative from all involved and try to work it out. I feel the biggest issue is communication and I think there is a lack of it, I think everybody needs to sit down and think about the welfare of our citizens and how we are going to better serve them, throw differences aside and go from there.

Sheriff Lindsey said if you go to a Board be aware of the fact that I use some of my 911 staff for law enforcement duties. I agree with Kellie, I think there are pros and cons for both.

Whatever you decide, you have to have somebody that you are going to back, that can make that critical call, right or wrong.

Logsdon said we are here to gather information and I feel we need to listen to what has or has not happened, what is suggested for change and I feel we need to know the protocol for the situation.

There is a major study going on now of the State 911 Funding so we can verify to the state senators and representatives that there are no sufficient monies being generated by the \$.90 per month tax on our cell phones and land lines to pay for 911 services. We will have to know what it cost to run 911 for a year, there will be a survey coming down which we will need to fill out and that will be very important to get it done, and get it done correctly.

Bob Duley said he felt communication was the big problem, we have no representative from the dispatch or the sheriff's office at the fire chiefs meetings, so concerns can't be voiced. We need good constructive communication.

McDurmon said he felt that we needed to get an EMS representative, a fire chief representative and have them come to the sheriff's office with dispatch and sit down and talk about the problem, if we can't get anything worked out, then we need to come to the Commissioners. I feel the other way is just opening up a can of worms.

Dan Reinke said the fire chiefs association doesn't want the dispatch center to move, we feel there needs to be more training in dispatch, we need to train to make ourselves better as we do in the fire departments and EMS, to better everything we do across the board. We would like to better the situation and not have issues in the future.

Logsdon said he felt that McDurmon put a pretty good idea on the table, have another meeting with Kellie and Jim, Mr. Reinke, EMS representative, EMA representative and see how far this process needs to go to improve what I've heard needs to be improved the most and that is communication and the vendors.

Logsdon suggested having another meeting on June 3rd at 1:15 with the Sheriff's candidates, EMA, Bob Duley with EMS and the President of the Fire Chiefs Association, and Kati Richard from dispatch, this will just be an information meeting, to see if we can get it worked out before we do something drastic. We need to make a good situation better.

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There was much discussion and many ideas by everyone in attendance and the Commissioners thanked everyone who participated for their time and consideration in trying to resolve the situation.

Gogel said we need to shift the dispatch salaries from County General to the 911 Fund except for one. Logsdon made a motion to ask the Council to look at shifting dispatchers from County General to the 911 Fund. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 4:24 P.M.

President

Attest:
